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SUBJ FRG-GDR DISCUSSIONS OF ALLOCATIONS OF TV CHANNELS  
IN BERLIN

REF BONN 17714

1. WHILE THERE ARE SOME UNEXPLAINED ELEMENTS TO THE  
FREQUENCY COORDINATION CASE DESCRIBED IN REFTTEL,  
BELIEVE FRENCH EMBASSY BONN COULD HAVE LEARNED ADDI-  
TIONAL DETAILS OF MATTER FROM FRENCH MILITARY GOVERN-  
MENT IN BERLIN.

2. ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, EAST GERMANS ON 27 JULY  
1976 ADDRESSED TO LANDESPSTDIREKTION( LDP) BERLIN A  
COORDINATION REQUEST PURSUANT ARTICLE 4 OF 1961  
STOCKHOLM REGIONAL AGREEMENT NOTING GDR INTENTION  
TO USE CHANNELS 9 AND 31 FOR TV TRANSMISSIONS FROM  
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EBERSWALDE AND GIVING RELEVANT TECHNICAL DATA. PURSUANT

TO STANDING ALLIED KOMMANDATURA ( AK) INSTRUCTIONS, SENAT  
CHANCELLERY ON 3 SEPT FORWARDED THIS REQUEST TO AK FOR  
ITS COMMENTS. WITH TEXT DRAFTED BY FRENCH AS CHAIRMAN,  
AK ECONOMICS COMMITTEE ANSWERED SENAT 22 SEPT NOTING AK  
HAD NO OBJECTION TO PROPOSED USE OF CHANNEL 9, BUT AGREED  
TO PROPOSED USE OF CHANNEL 31 ON NON-INTERFERENCE BASIS  
ONLY, SINCE FRENCH FORCES BERLIN PLANNED TO USE THAT  
CHANNEL FOR FUTURE BERLIN TV TRANSMISSION. FOLLOWING  
ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES, BERLIN SENAT WOULD HAVE FORWARDED  
THIS MESSAGE TO THE LPD FOR TRANSMISSION  
TO BUNDESPOST AT BONN WHICH IN DUE  
COURSE WOULD HAVE INCLUDED IT IN FRG RESPONSE TO THE GDR MESSAGE  
ORIGINALLY ADDRESSED TO THE LPD BERLIN.

3. HOWEVER, AK LETTER TO SENAT ALSO CONTAINED CLEAR INDI-  
CATION, PROVIDED BY FRENCH MILGOV BERLIN, THAT THERE HAD  
BEEN EARLIER DEALINGS ON CHANNEL 31. LETTER NOTED THAT  
A REQUEST HAD BEEN SENT 22 OCT 1975, PRESUMABLY UNILATERALLY  
BY FRENCH, TO LPD ASKING THAT PROPOSED FRENCH USE OF  
CHANNEL 31 BE NOTIFIED TO COMMITTEE REPRESENTING STOCKHOLM  
AGREEMENT SIGNATORIES. AK LETTER FURTHER NOTED THAT  
PURSUANT TO THIS REQUEST, FEDERAL POST MINISTRY HAD ON  
26 APRIL 1976 INITIATED A COORDINATION PROCEDURE WITH GDR.  
ON 1 JULY GDR HAD ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL TIME TO CONSIDER  
MATTER. AK LETTER FURTHER STATED THAT COORDINATION  
PROCEDURE( ON FRENCH REQUEST) WAS NOW CONCLUDED, SINCE GDR HAD  
NOT RAISED ANY OBJECTION. WE ALSO HAVE COPY OF LPD LETTER DATED  
(BLANK) SEPTEMBER 1976 ADVISING FRENCH MILGOV THAT FEDERAL POST  
MINISTRY HAD INFORMED LPD THAT COORDINATION ON CHANNEL 31 WAS NOW  
CONCLUDED.

4. WE DO NOT HAVE COPY OF STOCKHOLM AGREEMENT WITH WHICH TO ASCERTAIN  
WHETHER NON-RESPONSE EQUALS CONSENT IN COORDINATION PROCEDURE, AND  
IN VIEW OF CONSULTATIONS UNDERWAY AT BONN ARE NOT ASKING FRENCH FOR  
ANY FURTHER DETAILS OF CASE AT THIS STAGE. FACT THAT GDR FILED  
COORDINATION NOTICE ON CHANNEL 31 AND ALSO AGREED TO FRENCH USE IN  
WEST BERLIN MAY MEAN THAT WIRES GOT CROSSED IN GDR P&T MINISTRY,  
OR THAT GDR CALCULATES THAT PROPOSED USES ARE NOT MUTUALLY  
EXCLUSIVE.

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